SOCIETY FOR PSYCHICAL RESEARCH.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL MEETING ON *June 17th*, 1887.

The twenty-fifth General Meeting was held at the Rooms of the Society of British Artists, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall, on June 17th, 1887.

PROFESSOR W. F. BARRETT IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. F. W. H Myers read a paper on "Active and Passive Automatism—the Dæmon of Socrates," which it is proposed to publish in the next number of the *Proceedings*.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL MEETING ON *January 28th*, 1888.

The twenty-sixth General Meeting was held at the Westminster Town Hall, on January 28th, 1888.

PROFESSOR SIDGWICK IN THE CHAIR.

The Chairman, in opening the Meeting, spoke of the great and irreparable loss which the Society had suffered through the sudden death of their President, Professor Balfour Stewart. It had been of the greatest advantage to them that one bearing so high and undisputed a reputation as a physicist had been willing to lead and direct their endeavours to penetrate the obscure region of psychical research. Of the work that had been done under Professor Balfour Stewart's leadership it was not now the time to speak in detail: but all who had watched his management of their affairs would agree that it was marked by three characteristics:—it was thoroughly fearless, it was uniformly circumspect, and it was genuinely sympathetic. He believed it was only by this combination of qualities that they could hope to succeed in the difficult task that they had undertaken: and it was because they could hardly hope to find them again combined in a President of Professor Balfour Stewart's scientific eminence that he had spoken of his loss as irreparable.

Mr. F. W. H. Myers communicated two remarkable instances of "Automatic Messages," which will be embodied in a future paper.

Mr. Edmund Gurney read part of a paper on "Appearances, &c.,